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## **Housing Assistance Offered By USDA Rural Development To Residents Affected By Severe Storms** *USDA Housing Relief Program Available*

**Topeka, KS** – USDA Rural Development announced today that the Agency will offer housing assistance to eligible Kansans impacted by the recent severe storms that struck southeast Kansas over the past weekend. USDA Rural Development administers a broad range of homeownership, home repair, business and community facility programs to assist eligible Kansas and their communities.

"USDA Rural Development wishes to assist Kansans who have lost or had severe damage to their homes because of these devastating storms. I encourage those who have lost or received damage to their homes to contact USDA Rural Development to see if the Agency can assist them," remarked USDA Rural Development State Director Chuck Banks.

USDA Rural Development is currently working with the ownership of Agency-financed rural rental apartments in the area to identify units that might be available for displaced residents. USDA also offers homeownership and home repair financing assistance to eligible Kansans. Maximum income limits for USDA Rural Development housing programs in Cherokee County and surrounding counties for a family of two is \$32,100; and for a family of four is \$40,100.

Individuals interested in learning more about USDA Rural Development's housing programs and assistance should contact the Agency's Topeka office at 620-365-2901.

USDA Rural Development's mission is to deliver programs that support increasing economic opportunities and enhancing the quality of life for rural Americans. USDA Rural Development provides equity and technical assistance to finance and foster growth in homeownership, business development, and critical community and technology infrastructure in rural America. Since 2001, USDA Rural Development has delivered over \$1.2 billion to Kansans covering all Agency programs, supporting well over \$6 billion in future economic development for the Sunflower State. For additional information regarding all USDA Rural Development programs, contact the Agency at 785-271-2700 or visit the Agency's Kansas website at [www.rurdev.usda.gov/ks](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/ks)

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